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believe in Rock County. Then there are a couple of environmental groups, the Sierra Club and the Wildlife Federation. This is a coalition of folks from one end of the state to the other, many of them small family farmers, who meet on a monthly basis in Grand Island because they, too, are concerned about the quality of life on the family farm. They, I think, make a very clear distinction between farming and factories, and I think all of us on this floor are certainly supportive of the farm and the farm concept. However, the factory changes the whole makeup. The factory is there only for production and the economic bottom line in many cases, and it's that reason that we're here. It's that reason that the coalition has formed, and it's that coalition that I share the concerns with and that I have been supportive of. I thank you very much for listening. I thank all of those...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...rural residents who have remained vigilant and for those individual members of the coalition who also have attended without an actual affiliation. I understand that those Grand Island meetings are very well-attended and that folks drive from rural areas from great distances to attend those meetings. I appreciate that involvement. I appreciate the involvement of those folks here in the Legislature. They have made a difference and they continue to make a difference, even at times when they don't feel like they have been listened to. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Preister. Seeing no lights, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close on LB 870. Senator Schrock waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 870 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 870.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 870 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. A confirmation report from